

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A sustained-release preparation which comprises a drug and a ~~bioabsorbable polymer~~ gelatin hydrogel, wherein a concentration gradient of the drug is formed in the hydrogel.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A method of sustained release of a drug in vivo comprising administering ~~[[using]]~~ a sustained-release preparation to a patient in need thereof, said preparation comprising ~~which comprises~~ a drug and a ~~bioabsorbable polymer~~ gelatin hydrogel, wherein a concentration gradient of the drug is formed in the hydrogel.

4. **(New)** The method of claim 3, where said administration is topical.